

## **For Metro Vancouver meetings on Friday, March 27, 2020**

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## **Metro Vancouver Regional District**

### **E 1.1 Metro 2040 Urban Centre and FTDA Policy Review – Final Recommendations**

**REFERRED**

The Metro 2040 Urban Centre and FTDA Policy Review is an initiative to explore implementation challenges and areas for improvement to the regional growth framework of the regional growth strategy. The review is now complete and staff have drafted five recommendations intended to provide direction on addressing the identified challenges and improve the Urban Centre and FTDA policies that will be included in Metro 2050, the update to the regional growth strategy.

The MVRD Board referred this item back to staff.

### **E 2.1 Contribution Agreement – Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society**

**APPROVED**

The MVRD Board approved the Contribution Agreement with the Catching the Spirit 2019 Youth Society for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, with annual contributions of \$75,000 per year.

### **E 2.2 Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy Revision**

**APPROVED**

In 2019, Metro Vancouver staff reviewed the existing Regional Parks Naming and Dedications Policy and proposed amendments to enable consideration of Indigenous place names, renaming and dual naming in regional parks. The MVRD Board approved the Regional Parks Naming, Renaming, and Dedications Policy as presented.

### **E 3.1 BC Utilities Commission Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry**

**APPROVED**

The MVRD Board will write to the British Columbia Utilities Commission concerning the Municipal Energy Utilities Inquiry, conveying its position that municipalities should continue to retain core decision making about district energy services, because local governments are well positioned to implement and regulate district energy, and municipal energy utilities occupy a unique and important role for addressing climate change.

## **E 4.1 Addressing the Greenhouse Gas Intensity of Buildings in the BC Building Code** **APPROVED**

Buildings account for one quarter of regional GHG emissions, primarily through burning natural gas for space and water heating. The BC Energy Step Code, adopted by many jurisdictions in the region and across B.C., establishes energy efficiency targets, but does not directly address GHG emissions reductions in new construction. This will lead to many new buildings that will require significant retrofits to become carbon neutral in the future, costing building owners time and money.

The MVRD Board will write a letter to the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and other appropriate provincial government ministries requesting that the Province include:

- opt-in greenhouse gas intensity performance requirements for new construction in the British Columbia Building Code;
- an option to require zero emissions space heating and hot water; and
- complementary requirements in the proposed provincial “Retrofit Code” for existing buildings.

## **G 1.1 Regional Parkland Acquisition and Development Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1304, 2020** **APPROVED**

The MVRD Board approved the establishment of a new statutory reserve for Regional Parks to receive, hold and provide funds for Regional Park Land Acquisition and Park Development; gave first, second, and third readings to the Regional Parkland Acquisition and Development Reserve Fund Bylaw then passed and finally adopted said bylaw.

## **G 2.1 MVRD Residential Indoor Wood Burning Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1303, 2020** **APPROVED**

Wood smoke is a major source of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions, including black carbon associated with climate change. Staff presented a bylaw intended to reduce the health and environmental impacts of emissions from residential indoor wood burning while responding to needs identified during a comprehensive consultation process.

The MVRD Board gave first, second and third readings to the Residential Indoor Wood Burning Emission Regulation Bylaw; then passed and finally adopted said bylaw.

## **I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The Board received information items and delegation summaries from standing committees.

### **Regional Planning Committee – March 6, 2020**

Information Items:

### **5.3 Regional Industrial Lands Strategy - Draft and Status Update**

The Regional Industrial Lands Strategy is nearing completion after two years of research and engagement work. Informed through the current and final round of stakeholder engagement, it is anticipated that the

Strategy will be finalized in spring 2020, for consideration by the Industrial Lands Strategy Task Force and the MVRD Board. The Strategy, as well as other related work, will also inform the update to the regional growth strategy that is currently underway (Metro 2050). Metro Vancouver staff are in the process of engaging with stakeholders to receive further input on the draft Strategy's proposed recommendations.

#### **5.4 Metro 2040 Industrial and Mixed Employment Policy Review Scope of Work**

To inform the update to Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040), the regional growth strategy, Metro Vancouver is undertaking an Industrial and Mixed Employment Policy Review. The Policy Review, along with results from the forthcoming Regional Industrial Lands Strategy will provide key inputs into the update, and will include engagement with member municipalities and industry stakeholders to test and refine recommended policy changes to the regional growth strategy. The Committee can expect to see a report on the completed policy review by mid-2020.

#### **5.5 Metro 2050 Q1 2020 Status Update**

In April 2019, Metro Vancouver began the process of updating Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040), the regional growth strategy. The amended regional growth strategy will be titled Metro 2050. The development of content for Metro 2050 is taking place through a series of policy reviews on different policy topics; progress on these is summarized below. Engagement activities are guided by the Metro Vancouver Board-approved Metro 2050 Engagement Plan and those activities that have already occurred are summarized below.

#### **Finance and Intergovernment Committee – March 11, 2020**

Delegation Summaries:

**3.1** Craig Richmond, President and CEO, Vancouver Airport Authority, Anne Murray, Vice President Airline Business Development and Public Affairs, Vancouver Airport Authority, and Wayne Wright, Metro Vancouver's Appointee to the YVR Board of Directors.

### **Greater Vancouver Water District**

#### **E 1.1 Award of Phase C - Construction Engineering Services for the Annacis Water Supply Tunnel**

**WITHDRAWN**

This item was withdrawn.

#### **I 1 Committee Information Items and Delegation Summaries**

The Board received information items and delegation summaries from standing committees.

#### **Water Committee – March 5, 2020**

Information Items:

## 5.1 2019 Seymour Salmonid Society's Annual Report for Greater Vancouver Water District

The Seymour Salmonid Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Seymour River Hatchery on Greater Vancouver Water District (GVRD) lands at the base of the Seymour Falls Dam. GVRD and the Society have been partners since 1989 constructing fisheries enhancement projects, raising public awareness on water and fisheries issues and creating stewardship opportunities in the Seymour Valley. Over the years, the partnership has influenced tens of thousands of people through special events, K-12 programs, and passive visitors. The GVRD has a current three-year (2018-2020) Contribution Agreement with the Society for \$125,000 annually. The funding provides for core hatchery and education program operating expenses.

## Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District

### E 1.1. Direct Connections to Regional Liquid Waste Facilities Policy

**APPROVED**

Historically, member jurisdictions have requested direct connections to the regional sewer system to service private properties if municipal sewers were not available nearby, and Metro Vancouver assessed those requests on a case-by-case basis.

A policy was brought forward to formalize the process for direct connection requests to regional facilities, including who may apply, the criteria to do so, and ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

The GVS&DD Board approved the Direct Connections to Regional Liquid Waste Facilities Policy as presented.

### G 1.1 Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amending Bylaw No. 335, 2020 – Fraser Sewerage Area – PID 013-872- 303, Township of Langley

**APPROVED**

The GVS&DD Board gave first, second and third reading to the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District's Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amending Bylaw No. 335, 2020; and passed, and finally adopted the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District's Sewerage and Drainage Areas Boundaries Amending Bylaw No. 335, 2020.

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### Liquid Waste Committee – March 12, 2020

Information Items:

## 5.2 Results for 2019 Wipe It, Green Bin It Campaign

As a region, an estimated \$2.7 million is spent every year to deal with the impacts of fats, oils and grease (FOG) in the sewer system. The 2019 Wipe It, Green Bin It campaign asked residents to put FOG in their green bins, instead of down their sinks.

## **Zero Waste Committee – March 13, 2020**

Information Items:

### **5.1 Customer Service and Communication Enhancements at Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Facilities**

Over the past year Metro Vancouver has expanded the number of communication tools available to customers to enhance their experience at solid waste facilities and encourage diversion. Accurate and accessible information about regional facility reuse, recycling and disposal services and programs can improve customer awareness and use of these services.

### **5.2 Create Memories Not Garbage – 2019 Campaign Results**

The holidays are a heavy consumption season where residents fall into customs/traditions that can cause unnecessary waste. The 2019 “Create Memories, Not Garbage” campaign asked residents to try doing one thing differently to reduce their waste. Through a region-wide media promotion, residents were offered ideas to make low-waste celebrating easier.

## **Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation**

### **E 1.1 Evaluation Criteria for Metro Vancouver Housing Development on Member Lands      APPROVED**

Metro Vancouver Housing (MVH) is actively working to build more affordable rental housing. One way is through partnerships with member jurisdictions. In February 2020, Metro Vancouver issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) for member jurisdictions to submit municipally-owned land to lease or transfer to MVH at a nominal cost.

The EOI outlines considerations for submissions including: development potential, municipal actions/incentives to support development, tenant livability, financial feasibility for MVH, and regional equity. Staff used these considerations to draft evaluation criteria and weighting to prioritize EOI submissions that best meet MVH’s objectives. The Housing Committee considered the evaluation criteria and provided direction for certain revisions.

The MVHC Board endorsed the evaluation criteria contained in the report.